

# Transformational Learning and Montana Advanced Opportunities Grants

## TRANSFORMATIONAL LEARNING GRANT

Intended to provide financial incentive for school districts to implement transformational learning, House Bill 89 replaced HB 351, where a lottery system will determine the order of funding for newly applying districts. Transformational Learning is defined as a flexible system of pupil-centered learning that is designed to meet the Montana Constitutional mandate of "fully develop[ing] the educational potential of each person."

## MONTANA ADVANCED OPPORTUNITIES GRANT

Advanced Opportunity means any course, exam, experiential, on-line, or other learning opportunity that is incorporated in a district's advanced opportunity plan and is designed to advance each qualifying pupil's opportunity for post-secondary career and educational success. Permanent funding is directed towards supporting college and career readiness through supplementing parent out-of-pocket expenses and personalization of CTE courses. Allocated funds are first-come, first-served.

### Application Process

- Complete application found on [OPI website](#)
- Obtain school board chair person's signature
- Include district's strategic plan as it refers to Transformational Learning and/or MT Advanced Opportunities
- For Transformational Learning, include district's definition of proficiency, without requiring seat time as a measure of proficiency



### What's Next?

After applications are submitted, the Board of Public Education qualifies districts. There is currently a wait list for Transformational Learning funding, with a projected funding date of FY23; however, MT Advanced Opportunity allocations have unclaimed funds, thus, no current wait list. Upon receiving funding, districts are required to submit an annual report for requalification.

**Application Window Opens 1st Week in December**

**Informational Webinars Throughout the Summer and Fall**

**Addresses Students' Strengths, Interests, and Needs**

**Application Window Closes 2nd Week in January**

**Additional Information Found on OPI Website**

**Focus on Proficiency over Content**

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#### Transformational Learning Ideas:

- ❑ digital curriculum
- ❑ personalized pacing
- ❑ 1-to-1 professional development coaching
- ❑ project-based learning
- ❑ performance-based assessment

#### MT Advanced Opportunity Ideas:

- ❑ dual enrollment
- ❑ work-based opportunities
- ❑ certifications and credentialing
- ❑ personalization of CTE programs
- ❑ graduation and career track pathways

